

I support media diversity; I am against relaxing the current media ownership rules

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I am against relaxing the current media ownership rules. It is wrong to have so few companies controlling the media. This proceeding needs to be made public. I have read nothing of it in the papers nor have I seen anything on it in the news. I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is imperative that the Commission review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Respectively,

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